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To whom it may concern:

In 1995, Microsoft gave its browser away to the public, and they still do. This has been a tremendous benefit to the consumer!!!! Before that time you had to purchase it through Netscape and they had the only browser on the market. Everyone I know was extremely happy that Microsoft was giving away Internet Explorer free of charge!

I am just one of many small consumers, but I think this suit has nothing to do with harming consumers! I think it has to do with harming other competitors, namely Sun Microsystems, Oracle, and AOL. I firmly believe that this country is based on free enterprise, and the government should not interfere with the personal grudges and competition from other companies

I think everyone including the nine states should accept the Justice Departments & Microsoft's settlement agreement. Let's get on with life, and perhaps this will help put an end to the recession that we have in our country today.

Best Regards,

Ray Reid